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SUBJECT; KOREA AT THE UNGA

FROM HABIB TO SECRETARY THROUGH EAGLEG

1. IN VIEW OF THE VARIOUS MEASURES WE ARE TAKING IN REACTION TO THE TRAGIC INCIDENT PROVOKED BY THE NORTH KOREANS AT PANMUNJOM, I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE STILL PLANNING TO SUBMIT ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, OUR RESOLUTION AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM DESIGNED TO CONTEST THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION SUBMITTED AUGUST 16 WHICH NOW HAS 12 COMMUNIST AND 12 NON-ALIGNED CO-SPONSORS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT OUR RESOLUTION IS BASED ON YOUR PROPOSAL ON JULY 22 IN SEATTLE FOR A CONFERENCE OF PARTIES CONCERNED TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS ALTERNATIVE TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

2. RATIONALE FOR SUBMITTING AUGUST 20 IS THAT ALL ITEMS SUBMITTED LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY HAVE TO BE JUSTIFIED AS REQUIRING URGENT ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION. TO MAKE THAT ARGUMENT WOULD MARGINALLY DIMINISH OUR ABILITY TO PROPOSE, AT THE
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OUTSET OF THE ASSEMBLY, THAT BOTH THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN

AND OUR OWN ITEM BE DEFERRED AND NOT CONSIDERED THIS
YEAR. FURTHERMORE, A LONGER TIME GAP BETWEEN SUBMISSION

OF THE TWO ITEMS COULD PROVIDE THE OTHER SIDE WITH
ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS AND POSSIBLY PROCEDURAL OPPORTUNITIES
TO BLOCK COMBINED ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF THE TWO
ITEMS, WHICH WE MAY WELL DESIRE.

3. FINALLY, WE NOW HAVE ABOUT 15 CO-SPONSORS READY
TO JOIN WITH US IN A SUBMISSION AUGUST 20 AND DO NOT
WISH TO CREATE DOUBT OR CONFUSION ABOUT THE FIRMNESS
OF OUR BASIC POLICY, WHICH CONTINUES TO BE TO LOOK
TO NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN TO CONFRONTATION IN THE
ASSEMBLY.

4. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE USUN GOING
AHEAD AS PLANNED ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REASONS CITED
ABOVE. I ALSO THINK IT IS NOT INAPPROPRIATE IN THE
GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES CURRENTLY CONCERNING US. COULD
YOU HAVE LARRY PHONE ME YOUR CONCURRENCE ON AN URGENT
BASIS.

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